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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 RICHARD BEST,

14 Defendant

Case No.: 1:22-CR-00241-JLT-SKO

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL  
MARDEROSIAN IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION TO COMPEL GOVERNMENT  
TO ISSUE THEIR SUBPOENAS FOR  
CURRENT AND FORMER ADM  
EMPLOYEES JOINTLY FOR THE  
PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE**

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16 I, Michael Marderosian, hereby declare:

- 17 1. Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt and I are appointed CJA counsel for Richard Best.  
18 2. I have read Mr. Hammerschmidt's declaration in support of this motion. I am in  
19 agreement that Shawn Sawa is a critical witness for the defense, and that if he is  
20 unavailable to testify at trial, the defense will be requesting a continuance.

21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the following  
22 is true and correct and that this Declaration was executed on September 18, 2025, at Fresno,  
23 California.

24 /s/ Michael Marderosian

25 MICHAEL MARDEROSIAN  
26 Attorney for Defendant Richard Best  
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